STAR OF WESTERN FORTUNE

Trail Creek Camp Cating Great Recitment in Washington.

RICH BULLION IS EXTRACTED BY HAND

Another Bald Mountain Find-The Okano gan Mines-To Annex Nevada-Transporting Trout-Oregon's Soda Fountalu-Miscellapeous Notes.

The extreme dryness of the past two weeks has done more or less damage in some sections, particularly where corn had been slow in ripening, and while the general crop is only medium, it will not just as much, as it will prevent a glut on the market in a year when prosperity is at its lowest. In mining sections a tendency to an adjustment to the times is apparent, and lower wage scales, reductions in froight rates and prices of supplies all combined enable many mines to resume operations, while on the other hand, the lowering of the wage scale has led to more prospecting and to the operation of placers that at the old standard of wages would not have been attempted.

Charles P. Oudin has returned to Spokane from his vacation at the O. K. mine in the Trail creek camp, bringing substantial verification of the story of his wenderful doings. He was accompanied on his return by D. J. Hughes, one of his partners, J. Y. Cole, the other partner, remaining in charge of the mine. Mr. Oudin was at the mine two weeks. He went up on a little vacation, but a rich discovery set him to work, and in six days he and his partners pounded out but a rich discovery set him to work, and in six days he and his partners pounded out \$4,800 in gold buillon by "hand power." Mr. Oudin brought back with him gold from which a brick weighing over sixty-six ounces was made, and several pounds of rock literally studded with gold. All of the buillon was sent to the government assay office at Helena. Assayer C. M. Wilson melted the gold brought in by Mr. Oudin. It was a bright little brick, exceedingly heavy for its size, weighing 66.8 ingly heavy for its size, weighing 66.8 ounces, and valued at \$1,169. It was only \$50 fine in gold, but the balance was mostly silver, with a small amount of copper, and the brick was worth money anywhere. Mr Oudin took to the mine with him a Bos-worth crusher, worked by hand, a Buck mortar, a California invention consisting of a common ball inside an iron mortar, and the necessary chemicals. "We went up the gulch where we had been stripping the ledge," said Mr. Oudin, "and put in a shot, loosening about five tons of rock. The ledge is three and one-half feet wide and the shot exposed a streak of decomposed quartz from four to eight inches wide. From this streak was pounded out \$4,800 in six days. A rough assay of the ore outside the days. A rough assay of the ore outside the rich streak gave \$200 to the ton. We have between forty and sixty tons of this ore on the dump, and wilt immediately begin shipping it to Tacoma." Only one ton of ore has ever been shipped from the mine and it yielded \$304. The claim is 1,500x1,500 feet, with the greatly warning diagonally. with the quartz vein running diagonally across it. The owners have run a tunnel 100 feet and have stripped the ledge 200 feet. The mine is fourteen miles from Northport over an easy road. It is only seven miles from the steamboat landing at Trail, on the

Named the "Eldorado."

Some fine samples of ore have been brought into Laramie during the past few days. They were brought in by J. S. Watkins and Judge C. W. Bramel. Mr. Watkins, who is an old time prospector, has devoted a good deal of time each summer for the past four years to prospecting and for the past four years to prospecting, and for the past month he has been looking over the

the past month he has been looking over the mining sections in this country.

Soon after the Emma G. strike was made he went out there and after prospecting a day or two on the Baid mountain, where the Emma G. is located, went over on the main range about a mile southwest of the Emma G. Here he made what proves to be a wonderful strike. He struck a lead there the 4th day of August and now he believes it to be a true fissure vein rich in gold and silver. He has kept the matter quiet until today. While absent from the city, with the assistance of his son, he did city, with the assistance of his son, he did the assessment work on the claim and found that he had already over a sixteen-inch quartz lend. It is directly into the steep side of the mountain and lies northwest and

The claim has been named the Eldorado When he first made the discovery he had an assay made from some of the rock and the return surprised him. He is now having other tests made, and if it continues as good he will sort the four of five tens of rock on the dump and ship it to Denver. He will take the proceeds to erect buildings with. It is a rose quartz. Some of it is of the same character as the Emma G. He has got colors of gold from every piece of the rock panned. Parties who want to test it can find the rock at his store. Mr. Watkins says he has the best prospect he has seen in this

C. C. Randall of the Methow sawmill, who arrived in Spokane from Okanogan county, reports that his locally still bears evidence that the critical observer will consider Signs of prosperity and a prospect of better times for that district. Considerable prospecting is going on, development work is being pushed systematically, and the populace is excited over reports of new gold strikes in

"Lee Ives has found a six-foot vein of free mining ore on Goat creek, a tributary of the upper Methow," Mr. Randall said, "and he has five men at work already. It runs \$270 in gold and three ounces of silver. Quite a rush to the vicinity resulted and the outlook is good for another season. Then there is another excitement across the range from the Methow. They are cutting trails to Ruby and Canyon creek. One trail ished and another is well under way. ter Frisble is behind that enterprise. runs Guy Waring's store at the forks of the Methow. It is forty miles over good trails from Winthrop to the Ruby creek mines, and

Supplies go in that way.

"Some good gold bearing ore has been found at the head of Robinson creek, near the summit of the Cascades. J. W. Benson truck a lodge. struck a ledge, the lowest assay from which is \$22 and the highest \$600. It is a twelve He is preparing to put on a pack train, and it looks as if he had a fortune "Other rich finds are reported on the Twitsp, which flows into the Methow eight miles below the forks. Gilleham, Gaston & Sanford own a group of eleven claims there, Santord own a group of eleven claims there, all of free milling variety, with from ten to fifty colors in a lump the size of your fist.

"There is talk of a Seattle mining company disposing of the Red Shirt at Silver. They expended from \$25,000 to \$30,000 on it and have refused \$250,000, holding it at twice that wice. A mill test was made of four that price. A mill test was made of four pounds of ore from a claim owned by Jack Summers and Sour Dough Tom, in the Squaw creek country, and it yielded 49 cents, which is \$250 a ton or thereabouts. That is held at \$60,000. We anticipate a rush into the Cascade mining district this fall and in the

The Cattle Outlook,

H. J. Ijams, secretary of the State Live Stock commission, said in an interview with a reporter for the Cheyenne Sun:

"The receipts at the markets of western cattle are about 20,000 a week short of what they were this time last year. The fact is that there is no life to the market and all who can afford to do so are holding ship-ments for an improvement. The business depression is feit in the cattle business fully as severely as in any other. As a rule, take it the state over, the cattle that have been shipped are not up to the standard of the state. In the northeastern part the cattle are good. They are as fine as usual, but from other sections this will not hold good. There is no market for feeders. Those who may desire to feed cannot get the money to buy with, and this class of cattle are at the mercy of the packers when they get on the mercy of the packers when they get on the

The inspection this year has been reason ably satisfactary and no disease is reported from any section of the state. There have been many less cattle inspected this year

The ranges over most of the state are in bad condition. In some few sections they are reported to be fair, but for the most part they are very discouraging. A sovere winter will do the cattle industry in most of the state a great deal of damage. In some sections it would depopulate the ranges.

"The price of range cattle on the market

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is what is the most discouraging thing just now. Most of the cattle from this state are bringing 3 cents a pound or less. It seems like robbery to take a magnificent 1,200-pound steer to market and get only \$30 for monster, but the offer was refused. The pound steer to market and get only \$30 for him and have to pay the freight out of that. Quite often has it happened of late that a bunch of steers of fine quality have brought about \$20 a head. After the freight is paid there is a pretty narrow margin left."

Down on Annexation. The Reno Gazette contains the following editorial: "There is no longer any doubt in the mind of the Gazette that a scheme is being conceived, in fact has been already conceived, and the politicians are in the straw trying to give it birth, to annex Utah to Nevada. Just what the job is the Gazette is unable to say. The excuse given is a desire to reduce the taxes in this state, but, in all probability, it is to give Utah statenood to please some ambitious individ-ual or individuals for political purposes and make money for the promoters. If the plan does not miscarry we will wake up some morning and find Utah a part of Nevada,

with the state capital at Ogden or Salt Lake "The Cazette wishes to sound the note of warning in time. If the state capital is to be removed to Utah, the Gazette would respectfully suggest to the people of western Nevada that they petition the proper authorities to be annexed to California and cut loose from a scheme that purposes the tail to wag the dog. It would be much more convenient for the people of western Nevada to have the capital located at Sacramento than at Salt Lake or Ogden for most of their business, when away from home, is on the west side of the Sierra and they could visit the capital once in a while, where, if located at the cast at all, it might as well be

in New York. "This, it occurs to us, is an important question and one that should meet with prompt and vigorous action. The best plan of all, however, and one that the Gazette favors, is to make a state of Nevada by improving her undeveloped agricultural re-sources, which will some day be done, and not annex to anybody or anything."

Fish for California. Forty-five thousand baby rainbow trout

came down from Sissons on the Oregon ex-press in charge of W. H. Shebley and E. W. Hunt of the Bear valley hatchery. The fish are intended for the fresh water lakes of southern California, and will be all planted in San Diego county, principally in the neighborhood of San Jacinto, Escondido and east of San Diego, and are making the longest trip of any fish ever transplanted in

the state.
The little ones are at present no longer than an ordinary pin, but are as lively as a school of young herring. But three weeks old now, they will, if the conditions of the old now, they will, if the conditions of the waters into which they will be finally placed are favorable, grow to from two to three pounds in weight in the course of two years.

They came down in large tin cans similar to those used for milk, and as they were the bar years and a similar to those used for milk, and as they were the bar years and a similar to those used for milk, and as they were the bar years and a similar to those used for milk, and as they were the bar years and a similar to those used for milk, and as they were the similar to those used for milk and as they were the similar to those used for milk and as they were the similar to those used for milk and as they were the similar to those used for milk and as they were the similar to those used for milk and as they were the similar to those used for milk and as they were the similar to those used for milk and as they were the similar to those used for milk and as they were the similar to those used for milk and as they were the similar to those used for milk and as they were the similar to those used for milk and as they were the similar to those used for milk and as they were the similar to those used for milk and as they were the similar to those used for milk and as they were the similar to those used for milk and the similar to those used for milk and the similar to brought across the bay yesterday moraing in the ferry steamer considerable interest was manifested by the passengers in the work of the gentlemen who had them in charge in the operation of verifying the water to prevent the tiny fish from smothering.

ering.
Upon their arrival here they were placed in Spring Valley water, which was first brought to the proper temperature, and in the evening went on the long journey south. The greatest care is being taken of the interesting consignment, and it is thought that they will arrive at their destination with but slight less

An Equine Giant. What is undoubtedly the tallest horse in

is to be placed on exhibition at It is understood that the horse

Mitchell. It is understood that the horse has been leased by a Mitchell man to be exhibited during the season. It is probable that he will be brought to Sioux Falls to exhibit during the races.

The horse is 3 years old. He is nineteen and a half hands high and is fourteen and a half feet long. He is poor as a church mouse and only weighs 1,400 pounds. Were he fat he would easily weigh 2,500 pounds.

representative would have given more but he was afraid the horse would die, as it was thin and poorly nourished. In shipping an ordinary stock car cannot be used and a furniture car is used instead. During the day while passing through Sioux Falls a large number of people called to see the

The mate to this phenomenon-a full brother, a year younger—was an inch taller at the same age, but he starved to death in the pasture.

While the state of South Carolina is en-

gaged in the liquor traffic, the far western state of Oregon has gone quite deeply into the soda water business. The little burg of Sodaville is blessed with a natural soda spring, and the last legisla-ture, in its infinite wisdom, provided that, "inasmuch as there is a great and growing demand on the part of the public for the waters of said spring." the state would expend \$500 to improve it.

This, of course, gives the state a first lien on the fountain and provides free soda for

the Oregonians. A Fat Grub Stake.

We are pleased to record the exceptionally good fortune which has fallen into the pock dets of several of our citizens, remarks the Montrose Industrial Union. Some time ago Messrs. Vallandingham & Waddington, the popular grocers, sent out Ed Lockwood and D. C. Hall on a grub stake to dig out the food from the hills, and the two lucky gentlemen have done their duty well by unitered to the sent of the se tlemen have done their duty well by un earthing a bonanza in the shape of gold run ning \$3,000 to the ton up in the Red Moun-tain district. The ore has been assayed soveral times and the result is as stated. lucky gold owners will not work the mine at present, as the mine is situated above timper line and the winter is too close, but with the first vestige of spring they will begin working.

Nebraska and Nebraskans. There is not a vacant house in Wakefield.

The Ithica mili has started up after having seen closed for a month. The temperance people of Dixon county will hold a rally at Allen september 23.

Burt county publishers will hold a meet ng at Oakland today to form an association. Arthur Wood, a 12-year-old Table Rock boy, has been been bound over for trial on a charge of burglary.

The northwestern Nebraska conference of the Methodist church will be held at Alli-ance, beginning September 28. Just after arising and stepping out into als yard, William Partin, residing near Wal-

ace, dropped dead. Heart disease. Red Cloud will have a new bank, to be opened October 2, with a capital of \$15,000. It will be known as the Peoples bank. The Clarks and Central City Ancient Order of United Workmen lodges will com-bine in a basket picnic at the Merrick county eat Tuesday.

Fillmore county democrats held a conven tion last week and after a hot fight decided not to put a ticket in the field this fail. Bryan's friends captured the state delega-

The Boyd County Press is the name of s new paper at Naperville, edited by Garrison Bros. The Spencer Bee and Lynch Inde-pendent in the same county have been dis-

Mrs. Joe Miller of O'Neill has secured a verdict for \$1,000 against Saloonkeeker Hynes to recompense her for the loss of a leg by her husband while he was drunk on liquor furnished by Hynes. "It is said," remarks the Table Rock Argus, "that a Pawnee county girl has taken a novel way of deciding which of three lovers she will accept. She wrote their names on as many eggs, which a faithful hen

hand. It's a case in which the hen has the most serious part of the performance. The girl certainly 'has a hen on,' and the man who wins will be henpecked from the start." A 3-year-old nephew of Manley Dotson, a Dixon county farmer, ran in front of his uncle's mowing machine and one foot was completely severed from the leg. Al Vest, a drug store clerk at Shelby, went

into the cellar with a lighted match to hunt for a lamp. He is still on earth, but a barrel partly filled with alcohol has disappeared in

At the meeting of the Territorial Pioneers association last week the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Robert W. Furnas; vice president, John W. Pray; second vice president, Andrew S. Holladay; secretary, J. A. Mac-Murphy; assistant secretary, John Gilles-ple; treasurer, William B. Bowen; members of the executive committee, Byron Beall, William A. Gardner and J. T. Holle.

The man who possesses the idea that Cass county farming land is not constantly in-creasing in value is badly mistaken, says the Plattsmouth Journal. Farm land in Cass county is about the safest kind of property in which one can invest, for the increase is sure and certain. The recent sale by Galvin H. Parmele of a 240-acre tract of unimproved farm land, four miles west of town, tops the notch for gilt-edged values. The tract was sold for \$12,000, or an average of \$50 per acre, and the trade was for spot cash Kaffenberger is the purchaser, and he takes possession next March. Mr. Parmele owned the land for several years and made a hand-some profit on the sale. It clearly demon-strates that an investment in Cass county farming property is sure to reap a rich re-

Editor McGaffin of the Bellwood Gazette s evidently a man of muscle, and, like the Arizona Kicker man, will not stand any "monkey work," as witness the following rom his last issue: "Clayt Smith got on a ouster' Saturday evening and of course had it in for the Gazette force. In a treacherous manner he struck Hugh McGaffin in the face with his big 'claw hammer,' knocking him over in a dazed condition; but ye editor hap-pened to be standing by, when we gave him a right-hander under the right ear which put him over as if for good. After a few seconds Smith crawled on to his 'pins' again, when he paraded the sidewalk uttering lanwhen he paraded the sidewalk uttering inn-guage that would shame a dog. After he foamed around for half an hour or so on the sidewalk he hid himself away on the east side of the platform at the depot, where Constable Alliss put the handcuffs on him and with the assistance of George McCulley and several others marched him off to limbo, where he remained until Monday morning at 9 o'clock, when he was taken before Justice Derby and fined \$5 and trimmings, the total amounting to about \$17. The prisoner refused to pay his fine and is now working it out on a transfer to the contract of the contract now working it out on our streets."

John Bloomfield, who twenty years ago disappeared from what is now the site of Nowman Grove, Madison county, it has just Nowman Grove, Madison county, it has just been discovered, was 'murdered for his money. Bloomfield, who was better known as "Johnny Schmoker," was a hermit. He was about 45 years of age, and besides tilling his land hejmade considerable money hunting and trapping and would occasionally go off on long trips, and always by himself. He had but few intimate friends, and rather shunned the society of his fellow men. As the county the society of his fellow men. As the country becan to settle up he decided to leave and go where he could find more solitude and less of civilization. He sold his place to Server Nelson, now dead, but whose son still Server Nelson, now dead, but whose son still resides on the place. The money, some \$500, was paid to Bloomfield one night at 120 clock, so the story goes, and Bloomfield was never seen after that night. His mysterious disappearance created some little talk, as it was known he had been paid the money, but no investigation by the authorities was made and it was generally believed that Bloomfield had gone out west. Last week, however, a letter was received at Newman grove from Norway, in which it was stated that an old Norwegian upon his deathbed had confessed that he murdered "Johnny Schmozer" the night the latter received his is now trying to warm into life, and the young man whose name is on the egg which hatches first will secure the prize, heart and Schmozer" the night the latter received his money for the farm and that he had thrown

the body into an old unused well near the place where the murder was committed, and had dumped a load of dirt and rubbish on top of the body. The old Norwegian who made the dving confession lived near man Grove at the time of the disappearance and shortly afterward returned to the old country.

The white wings is the name of a new

party at Denver. The officers of the Isabelia company deny that they have struck the Victor vein on the Smuggler. The Cripple Creek pay roll runs up to \$50,-

000 a month now and about 700 miners are regularly employed. The reasters of the French mill are now in operation. The manager reports an increase of from 10 to 25 percent in the savings.

The supply of ore at the Bimetallic smelter, Leadville, is almost exhausted and the furnaces will be blown out in about ten The potato crop in the vicinity of Greeley

will amount to 3,500 cars, 20 per cent less than last year. The potatoes are of excelent quality. The Eclipse mine showed an excellent reord last month. Three of the owners worked

or twenty days, the gross result amounting In twenty days operation in August, the Summit mill, Cripple Creek, treated 500 tons of ore, receiving for retorts at the Denver

branch mint \$6,707.

A tramaway 2,000 feet long has been com-pleted at the Holmes & Morgan placers, Pennsylvania gulch, near Alma. Washing was begun last week. The state fish commissioner yesterday re-

ceived 10,000 lake trout from the Wyoming hatchery in exchange for a like number of mountain trout from the Denver hatchery. At Boulder last week the issue of \$50,000 additional water bonds was carried by a vote of 278 to 57. Over 5,750 feet of tunneling will have to be done through solid rock. Superintendent Drevarow of the Victor mine reports that rich ore is being taken out within twenty feet of the Smuggler line. He says that the September production will

show a handsome increase.

The Iron Mountain company are employ-The Iron Mountain company are employ-ing two shifts on the Galena lode and are now down twenty-two feet. The pay streak is fourteen inches wide and is of the same general character as that recently shipped to Denver and which yielded \$75 per ton. Major Speakman and Frank Clark just re turned from a week's trip to the placer grounds on the east side of Mount Blanca, bringing nice specimens of placer gold and glowing reports of the richness of that country but the scarcity of water is its

serious drawback. The Larimer county new ditch above Chambers' lake is nearly completed. As soon as Two-and-a-Half-Mile creek is flumed water from the Laramie river will be turned in, when it is expected that every farmer under the system, winter and summer, will have all the water he needs.

Brown Pullin has given a short option on the Sunset, adjoining the Eclipse, in Requa guich, at Cripple Creek, to McIntyre, Jack-son and Pueolo parties, for \$15,000. A force of miners were put on a day or two since and at seven feet from the surface a lead of fine looking crystallized quartz, which in appearance equals anything in the district,

The air shaft on the Denver Coal com-pany's property at Raiston creek is down 200 feet, and James Parfet has taken the contract to sink it sixty feet deeper. They have two unusually large veins of coal in his mine and during the coming winter this company will mine hundreds of tons of coal. The quality is unsurpassed for steam and it finds a ready market, especially in the mountain towns. Some New Mexico parties have a herd of

7,000 sheep eight miles from Leadville. The other day the herders broke up a company of Austrians who were arranging to stampede the herd in order to get hold of a lot of sheep. The herders found three men prowling around the camp. This ied to an

investigation and they found ten more men. The herders then ordered the men to leave at the point of rifles, telling them if they returned they would shoot them. They now have a double guard on.

Tripp has a new artesian well that furnishes 350 gallons of water per minute. The most dangerous forest fires ever experienced in this section raged last week

The Dakotas.

throughout South Dakota. A Sioux Falls banker estimates Sioux Falls people have so far spent \$100,000 in seeing the World's fair.

Between sixty and seventy men are now at wark on the Western Portland Cement plant at Yankton and the product is being turned out and shipped at the rate of three carloads per day.

The Great Northern for a long time being anxious about good water has found an am ple supply on the railroad right of way a quarter of a mile west of Devil's Lake and pumped 240 barrels in an hour. A strong southeast wind, almost a gale

has been driving a destructive prairie fire in the vicinity of Rugby, N. D. In the country the estimated loss by the fire is upwards of \$5,000, including small out buildings and stored hay, with no insurance, Congressman Lucas, who represents the

Black Hills section of South Dakota, is con-templating the question of tackling congress for governmental aid in the development of irrigation in the Black Hills country. Cattlemen are rushing their stock to mar Last week Peter Duhamel loaded twenty-five cars from Brennan, a portion of them being feeders which will be left in lowa for the winter, while the most of his

cars will be shipped to Chicago. The Pierre Indian school commenced its fall term with an enrollment of nearly 100 pupils. The ruling of the Indian departent making school attendance optional instead of compulsory does not appear to make any difference with the Pierre school, the attendance promises to be larger than

in former years. A gentleman in Lead has had an oddity in the shape of a horse. The animal had only one distinct nestril and only one tooth in front in the upper jaw, and that projected up-ward and from the place where the mouth of the nostril ought to have been. On the lower jaw the teeth were more like small tusks, as they were nearly two inches long and nearly straight out. Wyoming

Woldemar Pereleschin, a Russian agricul tural student, who is in this country for the purpose of studying irrigation methods, has also studied the German system of Landlord Griffin of the Metropolitan hotel

says he has raised the largest turnip this year on his ranch near Cheyenne that any one has ever seen. He said it was too large to describe, but he was going to hitch up a four-horse team and bring it down in a few days. Cattlemen fare of the opinion that more cattle will find their way to market during the next two weeks than during any like period of the year. The owners are not satisfied with the price, but they cannot wait any longer. They are in need of money.

Little Miss Bartlett of Fossil, now just 7 nonths old, is larger than most children 6 and more years. She weighs about forty five pounds. She measures around the hip 2614 inches; around the waist, 2514 around the thigh, 16% inches; heighth, two feet six inches.

A party of Sheridan prospectors who have been at work in the Big Horn mountains west of Buffalo report the discovery of a true fissure vein of valuable gold-bearing quartz on Cannon creek, on the western slope of the Big Horn, near the main range. The specimens exhibited plainly show coarse gold in quantity. In the meantime large gold in quantity. In the meantime large numbers of people are flocking to the scene of the discovery from all parts of the com-pass. The point where the discovery was made is about forty miles west of Buffalo.

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